



Carnival Season 52 is Officially Begins!

As tradition demands, at precisely 11 minutes past 11 A.M on the 11th day of the 11th month, Tecla Kelly-Hernandez, President of S.A.C. the Stichting Arubaanse Carnival (Aruba Carnival Foundation) declared the opening of the Carnival Season 52 at the S.A.C. offices in Dakota. This event also saw the unveiling of the cover of this year's Bacchanal magazine, which can only be described as the "bible of carnival."

Aruba's big event is not only the Grand Parade in Oranjestad, which will take place on February 26 this year, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Official events will begin soon after January 1st with the "Torch Parade" and well over fifty events will be crowded into that two month period before the greatest party of the year.

Sitting side by side with Tecla Kelly was Byron Boekhoudt, representing the Ministry of Culture, and Minister Ramon Lee. His final cry of "Viva Aruba, and Viva Nos Dushi Carnival!" ended the ceremony and started the party, as press members and government official socialized and enjoyed a festive lunch afterwards.